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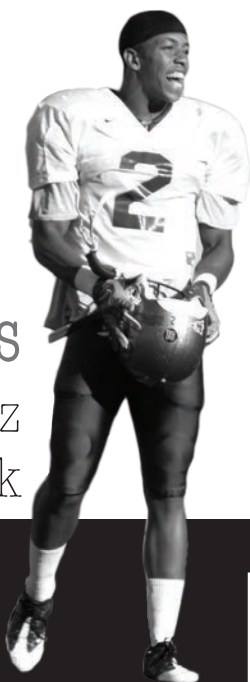


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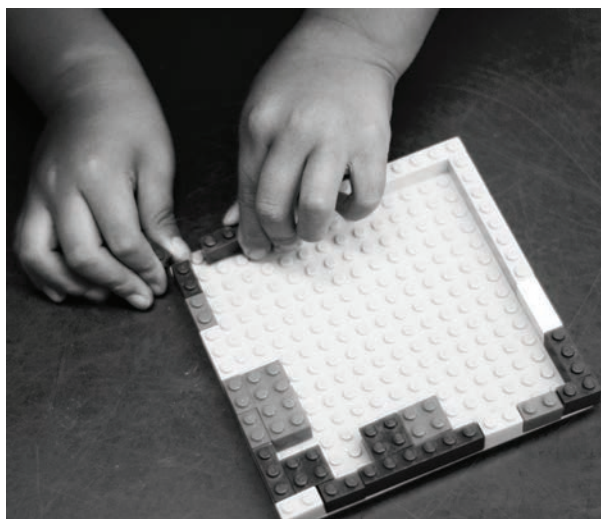
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CAMPUS



Sally Finneran/Montana Kaimin

Tom Rau applies a fluorescent dye to cell samples as part of a screening process for research on brain injury treatment.

Military awards grant to fund UM brain trauma research

Heidi Groover
Montana Kaimin

In a closet-sized office scattered with charts, science textbooks and a thick binder labeled "Stroke and Meth," Tom Rau drags a photo of eight brains stained red with dye from the screen of his MacBook Pro to a wide-screen monitor on his left. Pointing to patches of white among the sea of red, Rau describes cell death in the brains on the screen.

"There's this small area of death, and that spreads. That's called 'apoptosis,'" he said.

"We think meth is blocking that spread. We can't stop the cell death, but we can significantly diminish it."

At 11 p.m. there's little more than a janitor's vacuum to be heard in the Skaggs Building, but Rau is wrapping up a set of experiments on the effect of low-dose methamphetamine in rats that have undergone stroke or traumatic brain damage. A post-doctoral fellow at The University of Montana, Rau has been conducting the research with David Poulsen, a research associate professor in the Department of Biomedical

and Pharmaceutical Sciences, since 2006.

The researchers were recently awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the Department of Defense, which will allow them to continue their work in hopes of developing a drug that could eventually be used to treat brain injuries suffered on the battlefield.

"It's going to be applied in either case, in a civilian or military population," Poulsen said. "The situation in the civilian population is a car wreck, but obviously this is something the military is very much inter-

ested in, because brain trauma has become such a signature injury for them."

The work focuses on the ways low doses of methamphetamine can act as protecting agents in the brain after a stroke or traumatic injury. After such injuries, the dose can reduce the amount of cell death and help the patient regain physical and cognitive function, Rau said.

To analyze such recovery, researchers induce brain injuries in rats by injecting blood clots into each rat's brain to

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Minimum wage to increase

Kate Whittle
Montana Kaimin

Montana workers earning minimum wage will get a ten cent raise in January. The scheduled cost-of-living increase brings minimum wage to \$7.35 an hour.

The change means someone working 20 hours a week will earn an extra four dollars on each paycheck.

The University of Montana employs around 1500 students, Associate Director of Human Resources Terri Phillips said, and about 570 of them currently make minimum wage.

NaTasha Arlint and Matt Hojem were working at the Cascade Country Store yesterday afternoon. They both were surprised to learn about the increase.

Arlint, a communication studies senior, said she works year round to pay for school, and this job will pay her spring tuition.

"A little extra cash is awesome," she said.

"Cool," Hojem, a junior in elementary education, said, "This job is how I pay my rent."

He said he also donates plasma to BioLife to make ends meet.

The dime increase only amounts to a few dollars for most employees, but it can mean up to a few thousand extra dollars for the university payroll. Phillips said departments with large student workforces, like dining services and facilities services, will have to add to their budgets.

"I'm sure those people that are paying it will feel it has an impact," she said.

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EDITORIAL

Calm down

by Justin Franz, News Editor

Guten Morgen!

Or if you happen to be reading this later in the day, guten tag! That’s German for good morning and good day, respectively. Well, at least I think that’s right.

I’m studying for a German 101 test this week, just one of about 30 things that need to get done over the next few days. Now, this isn’t some whine-rag about how much my life bites this week. Nope, I realize that I’m not alone, and frankly I’m sure there are people who are in much more trying situations at the moment, and for that my hat is off to you. But beside my hat, I offer a little advice, a little nugget of information that I have gained here in college over the last three years.

Calm down. Do yourself a favor and take a break every once and awhile, and this is mostly aimed at you freshmen reading this.

According to a study by the National Health Ministries more than 30 percent of college freshmen feel completely overwhelmed as they enter college. I’d love to tell you that it’ll get better, but I’m not in the mood to sugarcoat it. Simply put, the next few years of your life will be pretty intense at times and freshman year is the easiest. I just wish I knew that a few years ago, because I would have relaxed a lot more.


But the next few years in college can be some of the most enjoyable of your life as well, but only if you take the time to calm down and enjoy the little things, sort of like Rule #32 in the movie “Zombieland.” That’s right, I just referenced a zombie movie in an editorial.

Nonetheless, take some time this weekend to get away from campus for awhile or get out of town. Go camping or hiking, or go downtown, have a beer and forget about your Monday through Friday life. It’ll do you a heap of good.

Also, go out and plan a trip or a purchase or something long term that you can look forward to. It’ll give you a goal and something to daydream about on occasion, which will get your mind off all the stress you’ve built up. Well, at least that sounds like a good idea, because I only heard that last one on a radio show once. John Tesh, actually, which now that I think about it, I shouldn’t admit having listened to that once ... OK, twice.

In conclusion, do yourself a favor and take a break this weekend to recharge and enjoy the little things.

And as Warren Miller and Van Wilder once said, “Don’t take life too seriously; you’ll never make it out alive.”



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Poor, drunk and hungry Stress Relief

I take few things in this world seriously. But I never screw around with baking. It’s the only form of chemistry I understand and can manipulate, and it’s a great stress-reliever. Few things in life are certain, but if you correctly measure and mix flour, sugar, fats and leavener, you are guaranteed to get something delicious. This is comforting. When I’m working on homework and getting really frustrated, I take a break to mix up these banana bread muffins. I get a break from trying to teach myself HTML, and then while they bake, I return to my

laptop with fresh enthusiasm. And dessert!

Anyways, here’s my mom’s amazing banana bread, which I pour into muffin tins because they bake faster than a loaf. And I only bake from scratch, because when you bake from a box mix, the terrorists win.

Stress Relieving Banana Bread

- Dry Ingredients:**
- 2/3 cup white flour
 - 1 cup whole wheat flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1/3 cup ground flaxseed (optional, but it’s good for you and adds texture.)
 - 3/4 tsp. baking soda

- 1/3 tsp salt
- Wet Ingredients:**
- vanilla extract
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/3 cup buttermilk
 - 3/4 cup vegetable oil
 - 3-4 mashed ripe bananas
 - Optional: chocolate chips, walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, and line a cupcake tin with baking cups or spray the bottoms with canola oil.

Thoroughly whisk dry ingredients in a bowl, and then in a separate bowl, add and whisk wet ingredients. Mix wet and dry ingredients together. Fold in chocolate chips and walnuts. (When I say ‘op-

tional’, I mean ‘you’d better add them, dammit.’) I can’t technically recommend tasting the batter — Salmonella and all that — but let me say that many a recipe has been saved because I tasted the batter and realized I’d forgotten a crucial ingredient like sugar. I’m proud to be a batter-licker. Anyway, pour your batter into your baking cups. Put it in the oven and let it bake 25-35 minutes, until the muffins are brown, the house smells amazing and an inserted toothpick comes out clean. Enjoy! Use some of them to bribe your roommates into doing menial tasks.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I absolutely agree with Jed Nussbaum’s “Disturbing the Peace” article in which he asserts that UM classes would greatly benefit from a conservative perspective. Like Nussbaum, I would not consider myself a Republican by any means, but that does not mean that I don’t value that perspective, both in class discussion, and for the rest of my life. Another similarity that I share with Nussbaum is my background growing up in a relatively conservative community, with many conservative family members, and mostly conservative friends. I firmly believe that a diverse political background, upbringing and education encourages the growth and habit of critical thinking.

Growing up, it felt as though every political or social opinion I formed was met with the immediate pressure of opposition.

However, I don’t feel that same pressure on this campus as I felt growing up. As Nussbaum said, it is very easy to be a liberal on this campus, and the lack of debate is reassuring for us liberals, yes, but it often results in general misconceptions about the world around us. In other words, the social and political reality in Missoula is quite different from the social and political reality in the rest of the state. And as a passionately proud native Montanan, I value my home state as a whole, whether that aggregate reality aligns with my own opinions or not.

Along those same lines, as an Environmental Studies major, it is relatively easy to be an environmentalist on this campus. (If you say “sustainability” a lot, people rarely ask about your actual opinions and tangible actions.) But when I go back home, I immedi-

ately have to answer to the conservative social and economic interrogation of my brother, community members and peers, whom question my ecological worldview. I would be so much better-prepared to answer those questions about my own perspective — both over Christmas Break, and after I graduate and pursue a career — if I was getting my ideologies challenged on a day-to-day basis here at UM.

Zachary Brown
Environmental Studies

Dear Editor,

Without many big name, big office candidates on the ballot during this mid-term election, many college students may choose not to vote. But I urge you go to the polls. Initiative 164, which will cap the rate interest rates on payday and car title loans will be on the ballot, and it deserves your support.

Under current Montana law, these lenders can charge 300 percent annual interest on two-week payday loans and 650 percent interest on four-week car title loans. The average annual interest on a payday loan is 400 percent. That’s too high.

Instead of helping people to get out of financial troubles, these high-interest loans can make problems worse, trapping people in debt. I-164 will help by capping the annual interest rates on these loans at 36 percent.

Many students face financial challenges. An unforeseen event, such as a car repair, could result in the need of an emergency loan. Lenders shouldn’t be allowed to take advantage of these situations by charging triple-digit interest rates. Put a stop to it by voting for I-164.

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CAMPUS

Sickly students seek solace from sniffles

Lily Rabil
Montana Kaimin

With all the coughing and sniffing going on in class, students like Shannon Trayler are wondering if everybody is catching some new, sinister virus.

Trayler, a human biology major, said she was sick at the beginning of the semester with a sinus infection and has almost recovered. She said she's pretty sure she caught it from her ex-boyfriend and has noticed that something is going around, and it seems like more students are sick than usual.

"You can really tell in the big lectures where everyone is coughing and hacking. You're like 'geez, it's loud in here,'" Trayler said.

Curry Health Center clinic manager Karen Behan said something is going around, but it's nothing new or sinister.

"Are there viruses on cam-

pus? Yes," Behan said. "Is it just one going around? No."

She said the Curry diagnostic report for the past two weeks show that a lot of students have been seen for upper respiratory infections, but she attributes that to the common cold more than anything else. She said she understands that it may seem like more people are sick, but that's probably because there are more students at the university than ever before.

"We planned to be busy, especially with the number of students on campus," Behan said. "That kind of comes with the territory."

She said the first two weeks are usually the worst for catching colds and other nasty infections, but students can combat the cold with a vigilant hand-washing routine. Behan said everybody shares everything at the beginning of the semester, and the more people

there are in common places like dorms and classrooms, the worse it is.

She said students who were placed in lounges instead of dorms in the beginning are probably not at more risk than anyone else, but statistically speaking, having a lot of people in a tight space doesn't exactly help the problem.

The only abnormal trend at Curry is an increase in allergy complaints. Behan said this has been a bad season for allergies, a trend that can be seen nationwide. Some doctors blame a rise in plants like knapweed which has been blooming in full force.

Behan said this cold season is milder than last year, when everyone was rushing in for a swine flu vaccine. She said Curry is offering flu shots now, but the number of students coming in for them has decreased.

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replicate the effects of a stroke or brain injury. They then administer tests, including training the rats to navigate water mazes or testing their skills on wire grids to see how well they can negotiate each step, to analyze memory and coordination. Rats injected with low-dose methamphetamine six or 12 hours after injury consistently show greater retention of memory and coordination than those without, Rau said.

Poulsen and four colleagues co-founded a biotechnology company, Sinapis Pharma, to complete phase one trials of such treatments in humans. With the new grant, the researchers hope to refine the dosage amount and enter phase two trials in the coming years, Poulsen said.

"Right now we're trying to optimize the lowest effective dose, define what's the best way to deliver it and define the maximum therapeutic window; that is, how long after injury can we give it and have it still be effective," Poulsen said.

About half of the grant will fund salaries for researchers and the other half will buy supplies, Poulsen said.

Dosage remains one of the trickiest elements of the research as the team tries to ensure that the public understands the small dosage size they are studying, Poulsen said.

Bill Slaughter, executive director of the Montana Meth Project, which works to combat abuse use of illegal high doses of methamphetamine, agrees.

"It's a highly addictive drug — one of the most highly addictive — but small doses of other drugs, like those in pain killers, help us all. We have to be very, very careful to make sure patients are weaned off them as quick as possible. Any of those can become addictive substances," Slaughter said. "We, on other hand, like most Montanans, support (the researchers') ability to help people with these horrific injuries."

State and lab regulations prevent inappropriate treatment of the rats, Rau said, and the long-term results of the work could be revolutionary.

"We obviously don't really know everything until we go into humans," Rau said, "but if it looks at least half as good as this, that will be something."

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Dance fundamental

5 Spreading trees

9 Cosmic payback

14 ___-up: slow Web connection

15 Bubbly label name

16 Like some kites

17 Menlo Park middle name

18 Former credit card giant

19 Shakespeare's title Athenian

20 Eagle

23 Big pix: Abbr.

24 Reagan era prog.

25 Ball club

28 Pancho was his sidekick

30 Running independently

32 Trite

33 Eagle

37 Leg-shaving alternative

39 "Science Guy" Bill

40 Baking soda target

41 Eagle

46 Tint

47 Composer Berlioz

48 WWII blockade vessel

50 Joseph of ice cream fame

51 Tic ___: mint

53 Sale condition

54 Eagle

59 Ambulance attendant

62 Cathedral section

63 "Dark Angel" actress Jessica

64 Worship

65 Bring up

66 Diver's haunt

67 Au courant, with "in"

68 Ancient Persian

69 Ilk

DOWN

1 Nebr. neighbor

2 Roofer's piece

3 Whence icicles hang

4 Does a cabinetmaking task

By Mike Peluso 10/6/10

5 Harris of country

6 They may be pierced

7 See 32-Down

8 Pierces

9 Destructive 2005 newsmaker

10 Zealous

11 Part of most eyeglasses

12 "Little Red Book" author

13 Ex-Texas governor Richards

21 Check sent with a ltr., e.g.

22 Adored one

25 Sanskrit for "awakened one"

26 Enjoyed

27 Denny's, say

28 Girardi's predecessor as Yankee manager

29 Scratched

29 Stupidity

31 "That's ___": "Uh-uh"

32 With 7-Down, feeling better

34 Toledo-to-Detroit dir.

35 Port on the Firth of Clyde

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CAMPUS

ASUM negotiates free rent for on-campus child care



Jayne Fraser
Montana Kaimin

The student government has more funding to share between student groups after successfully negotiating free rent for its childcare program.

Facilities Services and the Office of Budget and Planning agreed this fall to waive \$10,000 in annual rent for space in McGill Hall that the Associated Students of The University of Montana uses for its childcare service to students, President Ashleen Williams said.

"We shouldn't pay rent because we allow student parents to come to school," she said. "And if it's not full, we allow some children of staff members."

Williams noted, however, that the strongest argument was more likely that the building's operation and maintenance is already being paid for by state appropriations that end up in UM's general fund for the purpose.

UM's administration fully refunded the student government for the 2011 fiscal year that began in July. The money, which comes from student fees, was rolled into current accounts dedicated to funding student groups and ASUM agencies.

ASUM Child Care could be one

of the first organizations to benefit.

Director Marcia Ronck and some of her staff will travel to California next month for the annual convention of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"We haven't been to a national conference in over 15 years," Ronck said. "This is a year we are renewing our national accreditation so we thought the timing was appropriate for us to go."

Williams, too, thinks it's about time. Even without such trips, the staff has won recognition from the National Head Start Association, and Missoula Child Care Resources, and was recently asked to participate in a field test of new state regulations that would rank child care providers with a 5-star system.

Ronck noted that ASUM, and not child care program itself, paid the rent in addition to the government's \$172,000 appropriation. The agency generates the rest of its \$662,000 annual budget from its own fees and other sources.

She is glad, however, that those funds were freed for other uses.

"It is helping ASUM so they can help us, and it really benefits everybody," Ronck said.

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Teacher's aide Jordan Lefler helps Aydin wake up from a nap in the McGill Hall Children's Learning Center on Tuesday.

Central and Southwest Asia center created

Erin Cole
Montana Kaimin

Samir Bitar, an Arabic languages and culture lecturer at The University of Montana, said that UM's Central and Southwest Asia program got a turbo boost after a Board of Regents meeting two weeks ago.

The Montana Board of Regents, which governs Montana higher education, agreed on the creation of the Center for the study of Central and Southwest Asia at UM. The board made the decision after listening to Provost Royce Engstrom and ASUM President Ashleen Williams speak in favor of the plan at its Butte meeting.

For the CSWA faculty, and the nearly 300 students they serve each semester, the news capped years of hard work after starting the program from scratch.

"Hopefully with the status of center being declared, we have a better chance to bring in more federal grants and other

types of financial support to be able to expand our activities," Ardi Kia, co-director of the center, said.

In addition to expanding its options in Arabic, the center, formerly known as the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Program, hopes to establish additional courses in Hebrew, Persian and Turkish.

According to Brian Lofink, the center's program coordinator, the chances of finding funding for the course expansion have increased as the new "center" classification means more funding options are available.

"When you go to an external funding agency, showing that you've been elevated and are recognized as being a successful unit at the institution, it further enhances our ability to stand out in a very competitive world of writing grant proposals," he said.

Since 2003, Lofink estimates the center has brought in nearly

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CAMPUS

Dancers greet fall with best foot forward

Story and photos
by
Hannah J. Ryan

University of Montana dance students moved artistically on the banks of the Clark Fork River, in the windows of McGill Hall, across the theater chairs in the Music Recital Hall and at various other campus locations for the Dancers on Location show this weekend.

In their annual site-specific dance performances student choreographers selected campus locations and dancers to highlight the settings. In total, 300 spectators gathered to watch one of the two performances on Saturday and Sunday, according to Heidi Eggert, the show's producer.

Amy Ragsdale, a retired UM dance professor, started the event 18 years ago. Ragsdale wanted to highlight beautiful fall environments on campus and give choreographers the challenge of working in "real world" locations with varying surfaces and distractions, Karen Kaufmann, a UM dance professor, said. Ragsdale also aimed to attract people who wouldn't normally attend dance recitals and to take dance off its "pedestal," making it more accessible to all, she said.

Kaufmann was finishing her master's at UM when these Dancers on Location performances began. She wrote her thesis on site-specific dance.

Choreographers had a month between dancer auditions and the performance weekend to prepare their dances. Megan Wiltshire, a senior majoring in dance and drama, said she started rehearsing with her dancers only a week before show time. She said she's worked previ-

ously with the five students in her piece and wasn't worried.

"But it's a new adventure every year," Wiltshire said.

Wiltshire selected the second story windows of McGill Hall as her dance site. As the audience approached the building, the dancers in the windows began a mimed comedy-like act of popping up and down behind the windowsill. They moved into a swimming scene where dancers sporting shark fins appeared among a goggled trio. The swimming dancers floundered, then sank out of view as if being eaten. As the swimmers disappeared, a large splash of red goo was squirted against the window, showing their gruesome deaths. The audience gasped, laughed and applauded the performers who reappeared at the end of the routine to wave the audience on as they walked to the next site's dance.

Dancer Isabella Bradley-Browning is a seasoned attendant of the site-specific dances.

Helping push her little brother in his stroller from dance to dance, 6-year-old Isabella didn't hesitate when asked what her favorite dance was.

"I like my mom's," she said, "because it was by the river and I like that river."

Isabella's mom is UM dance instructor Nicole Browning. Browning created the piece for solo-dancer Michael Becker, who danced on the sandy banks of the Clark Fork just below the footbridge north of



The north side of the social science building was stage to "Vertical Flight," a site-specific dance choreographed by Lauren Bray and Jilyn Williams. Dancers used synchronized sound, form and motion to pull a viewer's gaze skyward in performances this weekend.

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Q+A

with Kevin McManigal

by Emerald Gilleran

In 1910, Douglas Carruthers spent two years in Mongolia mapping the region that was then almost entirely unknown to westerners. Last year, Kevin McManigal, a UM student seeking a masters degree in geography, recreated that expedition. This time around, though, he wasn't mapping the land, but keeping a close eye on changes in glacier patterns by comparing Carruthers' old photos that he happened across in a dusty section of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library to pictures he took on his journey.

Q: How did you get into cartography?

A: As a kid, my folks always had stacks of National Geographic Magazines lying around. The maps of faraway lands fascinated me. They took me there even more than the pictures. A beautiful map is like art you can use, both practical and aesthetic. For me, it's spatial poetry. When I returned to school after using maps as a guide all over the world, geography was experiencing a geospatial revolution. I jumped on the wave and have been hanging ten ever since.

Q: Did Mongolia remind you of Montana or of Missoula in any regard?

A: Missoula is pretty unique and unlike anything in Mongolia, or anywhere else! Unless we let the Soviets rebuild in concrete and stuff it with a million people, the landscapes are similar in many ways. The eastern prairies of Montana have a steppe-grassland quality to them, only on a smaller scale. Mongolia also has a mountainous west and a dry continental climate. But both places share this vast, expansive sky. We have "Big Sky" and they have "Enormous Sky!"

Q: The pictures that you've taken compared to the ones from 1910 show significantly ice and snow in those regions of Mongolia. How did this prove or

reject theories that you have about climate change in different regions?

A: Actually, the repeat photography for the Mongolian glaciers is similar to that of many regions in the world. The ice in the high mountains is fairly intact, but glaciers in the lower elevations show a substantial loss of ice. Every glacial system has an equilibrium line at which all the snow below melts off in the summer and all the snow above becomes glacier ice. The global problem today is that the line keeps creeping up. It's at different elevations in each region, but the trend is almost unanimously upward. In the last century, the glaciers of Mongolia seem to have followed that trend.

Q: Do you think people are knowledgeable about glaciers and their importance to the earth's ecosystems?

A: Aware — maybe. Knowledgeable — no. Glaciers calving into the sea have become a poster child for climate change, but what most people don't realize is that all glaciers calve, or shed ice, when they flow into water. That's a completely natural part of their life cycle. What's more concerning is the rapid reduction of ice in the world's mountain glaciers. They are akin to natural reservoirs, steadily metering out water to rivers and streams in the

dog days of summer and during periodic droughts. Over one billion people count on these "water towers" in the Himalaya region alone, and not just for agriculture. Every ecosystem that we depend on for survival is fine-tuned to a water supply, whether from glaciers or not. As the water goes, so go the patterns of life.

Q: The climate change debate will probably continue forever, but in terms of right now, how are people's lives in Mongolia and other places affected by the 'global glacier recession,' as you've put it?

A: The glaciers of Mongolia contribute to the surface hydrology, groundwater and climate regime of the steppe. This water cultivates the grasslands that the Mongolian nomads have utilized for animal husbandry for centuries. The extreme drought in the summer of 2009 was followed by the coldest winter in their recorded history. Persistent temperatures below minus 50 C devastated the herds, taking over a million head. Thousands of nomads, whose wealth rests in their stock, were forced to pack up and make their final move to the capital city. Glacier recession is not the sole factor in this mass migration, but changing climate certainly has contributed.

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DOWNTOWN

Bison face the storm and the cameras

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Bison once thrived in the millions across the United States. Today their numbers are greatly decreased and their range is limited to farms, national parks and refuges.

A documentary produced by Missoula-based High Plains Films details the history and future of the American bison. The film "Facing the Storm: Story of the American Bison" opens for its one-time screening tonight at 7 p.m. at the Wilma Theater.

Robert Thomson appears in the film at Madison Buffalo Jump State Park near Three Forks. The park's naturalist explained that the film's title comes from the way some Native American tribes refer to bison.

"Sometimes they called this animal 'Facing the Storm' because that's what it did," Thomson said. "When that storm comes through, when that wind starts to whip, they turn right into it and start walking toward it because if that storm is coming toward you you're going to be out of it quicker."

The documentary presents a range of perspectives including that of Gov. Brian Schweitzer, environmental activists, cattle ranchers, Native Americans, wildlife scientists, hunters and federal employees.

Director Doug Hawes-Davis said this film is a product of his life-long personal interest in bison, especially those of the Great Plains, and the lack of compre-

hensive documentation of the animal's past and present.

Hawes-Davis is a graduate from the University of Montana's environmental studies program. When he finished his undergraduate degree a friend called him up and asked if he wanted to help produce a documentary on mining in Missouri, his home state.

"I said 'what the heck,' I knew a little about the story," Hawes-Davis said.

And he's been in the film production business ever since.

"Facing the Storm" is a history of human relationship with bison. It looks at the animal's evolution and its importance to the people dependent on its existence. The film then explores the bison's near extermination as the West was settled and the survival of one genetically pure herd in Yellowstone National Park.

In its conclusion, the film presents the future plans for bison management.

Presenting the bison's story through historic black-and-white video and photographs, the film also uses animated stop-motion representations, contemporary footage of the animals and interviews with current players in bison management.

"Facing the Storm" opened nationally last weekend at the Kansas International Film Festival.

Now, home in Missoula, the film will be passed to co-producer Montana PBS to be edited for television.

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Artists 'fix' themselves



Sally Finneran/Montana Kaimin
Toni Matlock makes sure her markings on the wall are level before she inserts nails that will hold some of her art. Matlock's "Fix Yourself" exhibit is currently on display at the Brink Gallery.

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First Friday art walkers studied pieces tacked to walls of the Brink art gallery on Friday night, while one person stood alone in the middle of the room and watched TV.

On screen were two characters having a conversation through semaphore, a form of communication in which flags convey words and messages. Such structures of communication, and miscommunication, are the focus of Toni Matlock's exhibition at the Brink this month.

The tall walls of the Brink are used sparingly in the show. Matlock's show "Fix Yourself" presents a limited number of pieces to draw viewers' attention to the video.

"These are quiet, little pieces," Matlock said. "You need to get close to see what's going on within them."

The Brink is a gallery that emphasizes contemporary, conceptual and some experimental art, said Jennifer Leutzinger, gallery founder and owner.

"There's a reason behind why this kind of art is done the way it is," Leutzinger said. "Rather than just portraying what you see, the art says something and makes you think, maybe laugh."

Small slips of translucent paper depicted the semaphore alphabet in brown inked figures. The drawings, nailed to the wall, show small figures holding white flags in different configurations. Those visiting the gallery used this painted alphabet to translate what was said in the video.

A graduate from The University of Montana with a bachelor's in fine arts, Leutzinger said she saw a need in Missoula for a contemporary art space.

"But mostly I opened for selfish reasons," she said. "I

wanted something that was my own."

She said ever since her daughter, Wren, was born two months after graduating with her BFA, she felt the need for something artistic and separate from her new life as a mom. That desire became a reality when the Brink opened last March.

When choosing the gallery's name, Leutzinger said she didn't want anything "thick," or to have it named after a person. It had to be short and sweet.

"The 'Brink' describes how we feature artists on the brink of their careers, or a new medium or project," she said.

The support and interest Leutzinger said she has received since opening is what's needed to keep all artists going.

"We (artists) need to support one another," she said. "People coming out to see their shows gives them the energy they need to keep working."

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FOOTBALL

Around the Big Sky

by Daniel Mediate

Northern Arizona (3-2, 1-0 Big Sky) at No. 14 Eastern Washington (2-2, 1-1 Big Sky)

The Big Sky's top quarterback and running back will square off Saturday in Cheney, Wash.

Northern Arizona Lumberjacks' senior signal-caller Michael Herrick remains atop the Big Sky Conference with his accuracy and offensive prowess after several top-notch performances in the season so far.

Eastern Washington running back Taiwan Jones leads the conference of talented ball-carriers and heads the nation in all-purpose yards with nearly 240 yards per game.

Herrick completed 23 of 35 passes for 244 yards, leading the Lumberjacks in a comeback win over the Thunderbirds of Southern Utah last Saturday in Cedar City, Utah.

In their most recent game, the Eagles prevailed over Weber State 35-24 without Jones, who suffered an abdominal contusion against Montana State two weeks ago. Junior transfer quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell stepped up in his absence, throwing for 337 yards and four touchdowns to lead Eastern Washington to the win.

With Jones back in pads and Mitchell thriving, it will be tough to stop the Eagles at home; just ask the Grizzlies.

The Lumberjacks, though, are searching for a quality showing to boost their confidence heading into their showdowns with the Griz and Cats in the next couple weeks. Plus, a win for NAU would vault them into the top 25.

Prediction: Where's the defense? Eagles take it in a shootout, 41-38

Portland State (1-2, 1-2 Big Sky) at No. 10 Montana State (3-1, 2-0)

After a dismal start to the season, the Vikings finally appeared to get their offense running last week in a 38-3 blowout win over the lowly Idaho State Bengals.

Portland's dual-threat quarterback Connor Kavanaugh passed for 216 yards on 15 of 19 attempts and ran for 125 yards Saturday to lead the Vikings (2-2, 1-0 Big Sky).

Vikings 5-foot-9, 180-pound junior ball-carrier Cory McCaffrey rumbled for 166 yards rushing and a touchdown on 24 carries, as Portland State piled up 531 yards of offense.

Meanwhile, the Bobcats amassed a 38-10 half-time lead over Sacramento State last weekend, only to let it slip away to a surging Hornets squad. After a wild second half with four lead changes in the fourth quarter, Montana State prevailed in overtime after a 25-yard field goal by junior kicker Jason Cunningham, 64-61.

Montana State freshman quarterback Denarius McGhee completed 26 of 43 for 385 yards and four scores, and junior wide-out Julius Lloyd hauled in eight passes for 177 yards and three touchdowns, the last one forcing overtime.

Look for him and McGhee to pick apart the dreadful Vikings secondary this weekend in Bozeman.

Prediction: Bobcats elude the Vikings, 32-18

Northern Colorado (2-3, 1-2 Big Sky) at Sacramento State (2-3, 1-2 Big Sky)

Sacramento State has come within a field goal in their last two games against Big Sky Conference powers Montana and Montana State. An up-and-down Northern Colorado team will have its hands full with the rejuvenated Hornets this weekend.

The Hornets are coming off a wild loss to the Bobcats, but showed resilience after fighting back from a 28-point deficit to force overtime.

After a pounding from big brother Stanford to begin the season, the northern California squad turned over its offensive engine in a stunning conference upset over Weber State. Sacramento State then nearly shocked Griz nation with an eye-popping performance in Missoula, nearly spoiling Montana's Homecoming.

Junior running back Bryan Hilliard leads the charge for Sacramento State, which was picked to scuttle beneath the Big Sky Conference standings yet again this year. Although it looks like nobody told them.

Northern Colorado started the season strong, posting scores of 54, 47 and 35 in its first three games, going 2-1. But the Bears' offense has since seemed to hit a speed bump, barely summing a touchdown in each of their last two matchups.

Northern Colorado is coming off a 30-7 thwarting by the injury-plagued Grizzlies, and will most likely find itself on the wrong end of the scoreboard in Sacramento to a team desperate to notch a win.

Prediction: Hornets sting the Bears, 32-17

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Griz aim for midseason comeback

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They're setting records, winning awards and rolling over conference opponents on the road.

The Montana Grizzlies are back.

After starting the season at a very un-Griz-like 2-2, the boys from Missoula strolled into Greeley, Colo. last weekend and showed that when on their game, they are still the team to beat in the Big Sky conference.

Montana stormed out of the gates and dismantled the much improved Northern Colorado Bears 30-7 on Saturday, and in the process corrected many of their early season woes.

"It was a great win in Greeley," said Griz head coach Robin Pflugrad at Tuesday's press conference. "All three phases of the game I thought performed outstanding."

For only the second time this season, the Griz running game showed signs of life and paved the way for the blowout victory.

As a team, the Griz ran for 214 yards on 39 carries behind an offensive line that is slowly gelling as the season wears on.

"(We were) just run blocking, keeping our pads low and

driving them off the ball as best we could," said senior offensive lineman Russell Piette. "As an offensive line we love running the ball and have a great running back in Chase (Reynolds), and we try to make holes as best we can and let Chase do his thing."

Reynolds certainly did do his thing as he ran for 105 yards on only 11 carries. In this young season, the Drummond native easily performed best when against the porous Bears defense.

More than half of Reynolds' yards came on a single 53-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. The score was the running back's 53rd career touchdown, tying him with Lex Hilliard as Montana's all-time career

leader in touchdowns.

With more than half of his senior season left to go, the 22-year-old father of two has already officially established himself as one of the greatest running backs in the history of the program.

"I think [Reynolds] is Montana," Pflugrad said. "I look at that flag when we carry it out, and to me, Chase Reynolds could be carrying that thing every single week."

While Reynolds is playing the final season in a stellar career in the silver and maroon, true freshman Jordan Johnson got his first real taste of college football late in the first quarter in the game against the Bears.

Although the stud recruit didn't put up monster numbers, Pflugrad was pleased that he was able to get Johnson some time under center.

"I expected him to be very calm and relaxed and go out there and do a great, great job and he came off the

sidelines after the first series and his hands were just going 'Woah,'" Pflugrad said. "I said 'You're a coach's son, you've been through this a thousand times; there's no need to be too antsy about this thing.'"

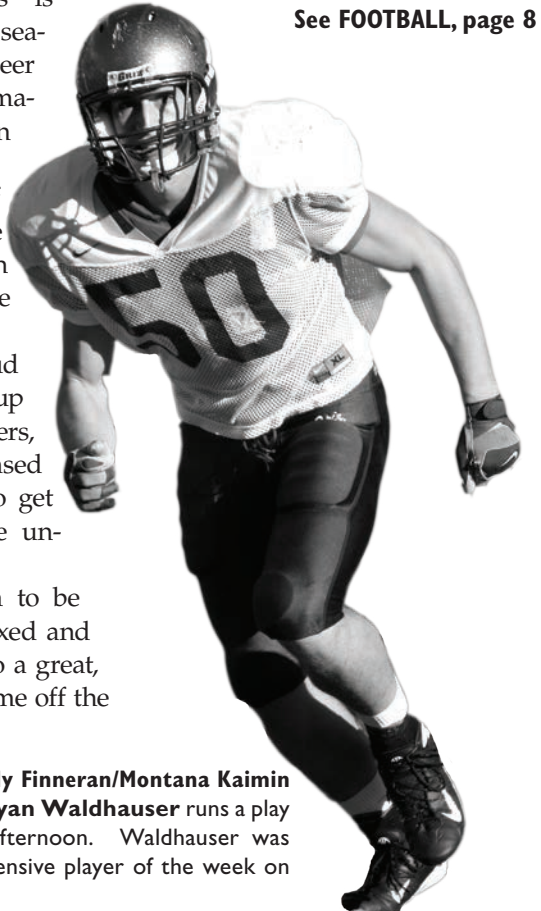
"But he goes 'Yeah, coach, but it's different; it's a real game'. So it was kind of neat. I really enjoyed his attitude and the experience he had because it's something he'll always remember."

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Defensive tackle Bryan Waldhauser runs a play in practice Tuesday afternoon. Waldhauser was named Big Sky co-defensive player of the week on Monday.



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One of the center's most popular areas of study is Arabic. According to Khaled Huthaily, assistant professor of Arabic

"Real estate on campus is very highly contested," Bitar said. "It reminds me of the Holy Land because everyone wants a piece."

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Isabella also carried two drawings she made for her friends, Jasmine and Alexis. The two young

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Junior defensive tackle Bryan

girls made special appearances in "Dancing Back to My Roots." Ricky Cline choreographed the piece with dancer Lauren Hancock, utilizing the trees north of the PAR/TV building. Hancock twirled among the juniper branches and fallen leaves, depicting a return to childhood innocence and joy. At the end of the dance Jasmine and Alexis skipped out of

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After the ankle sprain sustained by senior defensive tackle Tyler Hobbs in the first quarter against Sacramento State, the en-

"The defense played a tremendous game," Pflugrad said. "(They had) an outstanding second half and a very solid first half."

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